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July 1, 2016

Ms. Jean Jewell, Secretary
Idaho Public Utilities Commission
472 W. Washington St.
Boise, ID 83702

GNR-T-16-01

Dear Ms. Jewell:

Enclosed please find: 1) Blackfoot Telephone Cooperative, Inc. and Fremont Telcom Co.'s (collectively referred to as "Blackfoot") 2016 FCC Form 481s, submitted to the Universal Service Administration Corporation and the Federal Communications Commission pursuant to 47 CFR §54.313 and §54.422; and 2) Affidavits supporting designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier.

As part of its FCC Form 481, Blackfoot is submitting its progress on its five-year network build-out plan as well as detailed financial data. These items are trade secrets and proprietary pursuant to Idaho Code § 9-340D and are exempt from public disclosure. Accordingly, Blackfoot has sealed these in the enclosed envelopes and printed them on yellow paper.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding this filing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michelle Owens". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Michelle" and last name "Owens" clearly distinguishable.

Michelle Owens
Carrier & Regulatory Specialist

State of Montana)
County of Missoula) ss CERTIFICATION BY ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER
OF COMPLIANCE WITH SERVICE QUALITY AND CUSTOMER
PROTECTION, ABILITY TO REMAIN FUNCTIONAL IN EMERGENCIES,
AND USE OF FEDERAL HIGH-COST SUPPORT.

AFFIDAVIT OF BUSINESS OR CORPORATE OFFICER

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission Order No. 29841 requires that Eligible Telecommunications Carriers (ETC) certify that it is compliant with applicable service quality standards and consumer protection rules; and ETCs must demonstrate the ability to remain functional in emergencies. In addition, the Commission must file an annual certification with the USAC and the FCC that all federal high-cost support provided to ETCs within the State of Idaho will be used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended. Accordingly, the undersigned states and verifies under oath the following:

1. I am an officer of Blackfoot Telephone Cooperative, Inc., an eligible telecommunications carrier for receiving federal universal service support under section 214(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 in the state of Idaho.
2. I am familiar with the Company's day-to-day operations in the state of Idaho and with the State's service quality standards and consumer protection rules as set forth in Commission Order No. 29841.
3. Blackfoot Telephone Cooperative, Inc. is complying with applicable service quality standards and consumer protection rules of the Federal Communications Commission and the Idaho Public Utilities Commission.
4. I certify to the Commission that the Company is able to remain functional in emergencies as set forth in Commission Order No. 29841 and in 47 C.F.R. § 54.201(a)(2).
5. I also certify that all federal universal service support funds received by Blackfoot Telephone Cooperative, Inc. during the current calendar year will be used in a manner consistent with section 254(e); that is, for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended. The company will continue to comply for the period of January 1, 2017, through December 31, 2017, to be eligible for federal universal service fund support.
6. This verification and affidavit is provided to be the Idaho Public Utilities Commission to enable the IPUC to certify to the FCC that federal universal service support received by the eligible carriers in the state will be used in a manner consistent with Section 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act.

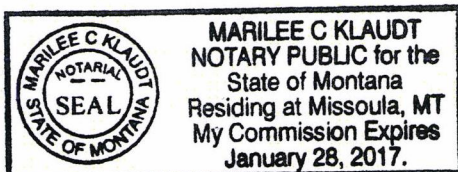
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Name/Title

7/1/16
Date

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 18

day of July 2016

[Signature]
Notary Public



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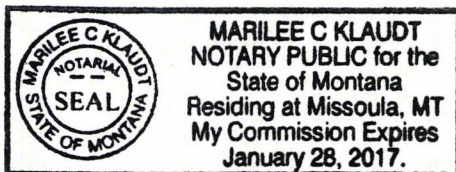
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J. K. Co
Name/Title

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SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this

18 day of July 2016



Marilee C. Klaudt
Notary Public

**FCC Form 481 - Carrier Annual Reporting
Data Collection Form**FCC Form 481
OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819
July 2013

<010>	Study Area Code	482235
<015>	Study Area Name	BLACKFOOT TEL - BTC
<020>	Program Year	2017
<030>	Contact Name: Person USAC should contact with questions about this data	Michelle Owens
<035>	Contact Telephone Number: Number of the person identified in data line <030>	4065415131 ext.
<039>	Contact Email Address: Email of the person identified in data line <030>	mowens@blackfoot.com
Form Type		54.313 and 54.422

**(100) Service Quality Improvement Reporting
Data Collection Form**

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<110> Has your company received its ETC certification from the FCC? (yes / no) ☒ (yes / no) ☐

<111> If your answer to Line <110> is yes, do you have an existing §54.202(a) "5 year plan" filed with the FCC? (yes / no) ☐ (yes / no) ☐

If your answer to Line <111> is yes, please file a progress report, on line <112> delineating the status of your company's existing § 54.202(a) "5 year plan" on file with the FCC, as it relates to your provision of voice telephony service.

<112> Attach Five-Year Service Quality Improvement Plan or, in subsequent years, your annual progress report filed pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(1). If your company is a CETC which only receives frozen support, your progress report is only required to address voice telephony service.

482235mt112Progress Report.pdf

Name of Attached Document

Please select the appropriate responses below (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 112, contains a progress report on its five-year service quality improvement plan pursuant to §54.202(a). The information shall be submitted at the wire center level or census block as appropriate.

<113> Maps detailing progress towards meeting plan targets

<114> Report how much universal service (USF) support was received

<115> How much (USF) was used to improve service quality and how support was used to improve service quality

<116> How much (USF) was used to improve service coverage and how support was used to improve service coverage

<117> How much (USF) was used to improve service capacity and how support was used to improve service capacity

<118> Provide an explanation of network improvement targets not met in the prior calendar year.

Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes

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<210> For the prior calendar year, were there any reportable voice service outages?

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**(300) Unfulfilled Service Request
Data Collection Form**

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<300>	Unfulfilled service request (voice)	0
<310>	Detail on attempts (voice)	Name of Attached Document
<320>	Unfulfilled service request (broadband)	35 482235mt330Unfulfilled Broadband Requests.pdf
<330>	Detail on attempts (broadband)	Name of Attached Document

(400) Number of Complaints per 1,000 customers
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<400>	Select from the drop-down list to indicate how you would like to report voice complaints (zero or greater) for voice telephony service in the prior calendar year for each service area in which you are designated an ETC for any facilities you own, operate, lease, or otherwise utilize.	Offered only fixed voice
<410>	Complaints per 1000 customers for fixed voice	0.0
<420>	Complaints per 1000 customers for mobile voice	
<430>	Select from the drop-down list to indicate how you would like to report end-user customer complaints (zero or greater) for broadband service in the prior calendar year for each service area in which you are designated an ETC for any facilities you own, operate, lease, or otherwise utilize.	Offered only fixed broadband
<440>	Complaints per 1000 customers for fixed broadband	0.0
<450>	Complaints per 1000 customers for mobile broadband	

(500) Compliance With Service Quality Standards and Consumer Protection Rules
Data Collection Form

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<500>	Certify compliance with applicable service quality standards and consumer protection rules	Yes

492235mt510Service Quality and Consumer Protection.pdf

<510> Descriptive document for Service Quality Standards & Consumer Protection Rules Compliance

(600) Functionality in Emergency Situations		FCC Form 481
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<600>	Certify compliance regarding ability to function in emergency situations	Yes
<610>	Descriptive document for Functionality in Emergency Situations	482235mt610Functionality in Emergency.pdf

(700) Price Offerings including Voice Rate Data
Data Collection Form

FCC Form 481

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<701>	Residential Local Service Charge	Effective Date

1/1/2016

<702> Single State-wide Residential Local Service Charge

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-- See attached worksheet

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(800) Operating Companies
Data Collection Form

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<810>	Reporting Carrier	Blackfoot Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
<811>	Holding Company	Not Applicable
<812>	Operating Company	Blackfoot Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

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(900) Tribal Lands Reporting
Data Collection Form

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<900> Does the filing entity offer tribal land services? (Y/N)

Yes

<910> Tribal Land(s) on which ETC Serves

Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes

<920> Tribal Government Engagement Obligation

482235mt920Tribal Engagement.pdf

Name of Attached Document

If your company serves Tribal lands, please select (Yes,No, NA) for each these boxes to confirm the status described on the attached document(s), on line 920, demonstrates coordination with the Tribal government pursuant to § 54.313(a)(9) includes:

- <921> Needs assessment and deployment planning with a focus on Tribal community anchor institutions.
- <922> Feasibility and sustainability planning;
- <923> Marketing services in a culturally sensitive manner;
- <924> Compliance with Rights of way processes
- <925> Compliance with Land Use permitting requirements
- <926> Compliance with Facilities Siting rules
- <927> Compliance with Environmental Review processes
- <928> Compliance with Cultural Preservation review processes
- <929> Compliance with Tribal Business and Licensing requirements.

Select Yes or No or Not Applicable
Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes

**(1000) Voice and Broadband Service Rate Comparability
Data Collection Form**

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<1000>	Voice services rate comparability certification	Yes	
<1010>	Attach detailed description for voice services rate comparability compliance		482235mt1010Voice Services Rate Comparability.pdf
<1020>	Broadband comparability certification		<p style="text-align: center;">Name of Attached Document</p> <p>Yes - Pricing is no more than the most recent applicable benchmark announced by the Wireline Competition Bureau</p>
<1030>	Attach detailed description for broadband comparability compliance		<p style="text-align: center;">Name of Attached Document</p> <p>482235mt1030Broadband Rate Comparability.pdf</p>

**(1100) No Terrestrial Backhaul Reporting
Data Collection Form**

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<1100> Certify whether terrestrial backhaul options exist (Y/N)

Yes

<1130> Please select the appropriate response (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to confirm the reporting carrier offers broadband service of at least 1 Mbps downstream and 256 kbps upstream within the supported area pursuant to § 54.313(g).

(1200) Terms and Condition for Lifeline Customers**Lifeline****Data Collection Form**

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482235mt1210Lifeline Terms and Conditions.pdf

<1210> Terms & Conditions of Voice Telephony Lifeline Plans

Name of Attached Document

<1220> Link to Public WebsiteHTTP <http://www.blackfoot.com/residential/>

"Please check these boxes below to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 1210, or the website listed, on line 1220, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.422(a)(2) annual reporting for ETCs receiving low-income support, carriers must annually report:

- <1221> Information describing the terms and conditions of any voice telephony service plans offered to Lifeline subscribers,** ☒
- <1222> Details on the number of minutes provided as part of the plan,** ☒
- <1223> Additional charges for toll calls, and rates for each such plan.** ☒

(2000) Price Cap Carrier Additional Documentation**Data Collection Form***Including Rate-of-Return Carriers affiliated with Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers*

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Select the appropriate responses below (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to note compliance as a recipient of Incremental High Cost support, High Cost support to offset access charge reductions, and Connect America Phase II support as set forth in 47 CFR § 54.313(b),(c),(d),(e). The information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.

Incremental Connect America Phase I reporting

<2010> 2nd Year Certification 47 CFR § 54.313(b)(1)(i) - Note that for the July 1

2016 certification, this applies to Round 2 recipients of Incremental Support

<2011> 3rd Year Certification 47 CFR § 54.313(b)(1)(ii) - Note that for the July 1

2016 certification, this applies to Round 1 recipients of Incremental Support

<2022> Recipient certifies, representing year two after filing a notice of acceptance of funding pursuant to 54.312(c), that the locations in question are not receiving support under the Broadband Initiatives Program or the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program for projects that will provide broadband with speeds of at least 4 Mbps/1Mbps - 54.313(b)(2)(i). Round 2 recipients only.

<2023> The attachment on line 2024 includes a statement of the total amount of capital funding expended in the previous year in meeting Connect America Phase I deployment obligations, accompanied by a list of census blocks indicating where funding was spent. This covers year two - 54.313(b)(2)(ii). Round 2 recipients only.

<2024A> Round 2 Recipient of Incremental Support?

<2024B> Attach list of census blocks indicating where funding was spent in year two - 54.313(b)(2)(ii). Round 2 recipients only.

<2025A> Round 1 or Round 2 Recipient of Incremental Support?

<2025B> Attach geocoded information for Phase I milestone reports (Round 1 for year three and Round 2 for year two) - Connect America Fund , WC Docket 10-90, Report and Order, FCC 13-

<2015> 2016 and future Frozen Support Certification 47 CFR § 54.313(c)(4)

Name of Attached Document Listing
Required Information

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(2000) Price Cap Carrier Additional Documentation (Continued)**Data Collection Form***Including Rate-of-Return Carriers affiliated with Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers*

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Price Cap Carrier Connect America ICC Support {47 CFR § 54.313(d)}

<2016> Certification support used to build broadband

Connect America Phase II Reporting {47 CFR § 54.313(e)}

<2017A> Connect America Fund Phase II recipient?

<2017B> Attach information for Phase II - 54.313(e)(1) - list of geocoded locations already meeting the 54.309 public interest obligations at the end of calendar year 2015 and total amount of Phase II support, if any, the price

Name of Attached Document Listing
Required Information

cap carrier used for capital expenditures in 2015.

<2018> Attach the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which the carrier newly began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year - 54.313(e)(2)(ii)

Name of Attached Document Listing
Required Information

<2019> Recipient certifies that it bid on category one telecommunications and Internet access services in response to all FCC Form 470 postings seeking broadband service that meets the connectivity targets for the schools and libraries universal service support program for eligible schools and libraries located within any area in a census block where the carrier is receiving Phase II model-based support, and that such bids were at rates reasonably comparable to rates charged to eligible schools and libraries in urban areas for comparable offerings - 54.313(e)(2)(v)

<2020> Recipient certifies that it offered broadband meeting the requisite public interest obligations specified in §54.309 to 40% of its supported locations in the state on December 31, 2017 - 54.313(e)(3)

<2021> Recipient certifies that it offered broadband meeting the requisite public interest obligations specified in §54.309 to 60% of its supported locations in the state on December 31, 2018 - 54.313(e)(4)

<2026> Recipient certifies that it offered broadband meeting the requisite public interest obligations specified in §54.309 to 80% of its supported locations in the state on December 31, 2019 - 54.313(e)(5)

<2027> Recipient certifies that it offered broadband meeting the requisite public interest obligations specified in §54.309 to 100% of its supported locations in the state on December 31, 2020 - 54.313(e)(6)

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Complete the items below to note compliance with five year service quality plan (pursuant to 47 CFR § 54.202(a)) and, for privately held carriers, ensuring compliance with the financial reporting requirements set forth in 47 CFR § 54.313(f)(2). I further certify that the information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.

(3009)	Progress Report on 5 Year Plan Carrier certifies to 54.313(f)(1)(iii)	
(3010A)	Milestone Certification (47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(i))	Yes - Attach Certification
(3010B)	Please Provide Attachment	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information
(3012A)	Community Anchor Institutions (47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(ii))	Yes - Attach New Community Anchors
(3012B)	Please Provide Attachment	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information
(3013)	Is your company a Privately Held ROR Carrier (47 CFR § 54.313(f)(2))	<input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>
(3014)	If yes, does your company file the RUS annual report (Yes/No)	<input type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/>
	Please check these boxes to confirm that the attached PDF, on line 3017, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2) compliance requires:	
(3015)	Electronic copy of their annual RUS reports (Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers)	<input type="checkbox"/>
(3016)	Document(s) with Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows	<input type="checkbox"/>
(3017)	If the response is yes on line 3014, attach your company's RUS annual report and all required documentation	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information
(3018)	If the response is no on line 3014, is your company audited? (Yes/No)	<input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>
	If the response is yes on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains:	
(3019)	Either a copy of their audited financial statement; or (2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(3020)	Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(3021)	Management letter and/or audit opinion issued by the independent certified public accountant that performed the company's financial audit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	If the response is no on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains:	
(3022)	Copy of their financial statement which has been subject to review by an independent certified public accountant; or 2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers	<input type="checkbox"/>
(3023)	Underlying information subjected to a review by an independent certified public accountant	<input type="checkbox"/>
(3024)	Underlying information subjected to an officer certification.	<input type="checkbox"/>
(3025)	Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows	<input type="checkbox"/>
(3026)	Attach the worksheet listing required information	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

(3005) Rate Of Return Carrier Additional Documentation (Continued)

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Financial Data Summary

(3027) Revenue	23667425
(3028) Operating Expenses	19240890
(3029) Net Income	4069635
(3030) Telephone Plant In Service(TPIS)	117194311
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4005 Rural Broadband Experiment

Authorized Rural Broadband Experiment (RBE) recipients must address the certification for public interest obligations, provide a list of newly served community anchor institutions, and provide a list of locations where broadband has been deployed.

Public Interest Obligations – FCC 14-98 (paragraphs 26-29, 78)

Please address Line 4001 regarding compliance with the Commission's public interest obligations. All RBE participants must provide a response to Line 4001.

4001. Recipient certifies that it is offering broadband to the identified locations meeting the requisite public interest obligations consistent with the category for which they were selected, including broadband speed, latency, usage capacity, and rates that are reasonably comparable to rates for comparable offerings in urban areas?

Community Anchor Institutions – FCC 14-98 (paragraph 79)

4003a. RBE participants must provide the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which they newly deployed broadband service in the preceding calendar year. On this line, please respond (yes – attach new community anchors, no – no new anchors) to indicate whether this list will be provided.

If yes to 4003A, please provide a response for 4003B.

4003b. Provide the number, names and addresses of community anchor institutions to which the recipient newly began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year.

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information _____

Broadband Deployment Locations – FCC 14-98 (paragraph 80)

4004a. Attach a list of geocoded locations to which broadband has been deployed as of the June 1st immediately preceding the July 1st filing deadline for the FCC Form 481.

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information _____

4004b. Attach evidence demonstrating that the recipient is meeting the relevant public service obligations for the identified locations. Materials must at least detail the pricing, offered broadband speed and data usage allowances available in the relevant geographic area.

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information _____

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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF THE REPORTING CARRIER IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTING ON ITS OWN BEHALF:

Certification of Officer as to the Accuracy of the Data Reported for the Annual Reporting for CAF or LI Recipients	
I certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual reporting requirements for universal service support recipients; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported on this form and in any attachments is accurate.	
Name of Reporting Carrier: BLACKFOOT TEL - BTC	
Signature of Authorized Officer: CERTIFIED ONLINE	Date 07/01/2016
Printed name of Authorized Officer: Jason Williams	
Title or position of Authorized Officer: Chief Operating Officer	
Telephone number of Authorized Officer: 4065415454 ext.	
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier: 482235	Filing Due Date for this form: 07/01/2016
Persons willfully making false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. § 1001.	

PROGRESS REPORT – REDACTED FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION

Unfulfilled Broadband Service Requests Resolution

Program Year 2017 - 2016 Submission of 2015

Ross Holt

Field Services Supervisor

Blackfoot Telecommunications Group

This document provides a high level description of the measures in place to resolve customer requests for broadband service that were unfulfilled in the prior calendar year.

Blackfoot Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (482235, 483308) and Fremont Telecom Co. dba Fremont Communications (472222) routinely replace digital loop carriers that are not capable of providing a minimum of 4 Mbps download and 1 Mbps upload to new loop carriers and provide Ethernet transport, where appropriate. Additionally, the companies deploy broadband accelerators in line that extend DSL or increase the speed to customers whose requests would otherwise be unfulfilled.

Service Quality Standards & Consumer Protection Rules Compliance

Program Year 2017 - 2016 Submission of 2015

Michelle Owens

Carrier & Regulatory Specialist

Blackfoot Telecommunications Group

Blackfoot Telecommunications Group comprised of Blackfoot Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (SAC 482235 and 483308) and Fremont Telcom Co. (SAC 472222) has implemented a variety of service quality standards and consumer protection policies and procedures. This document provides a high level description of the measures in place.

Service Quality

The companies comply with service quality standards by meeting all requirements in the Administrative Rules of Montana 38.5.3371 and Idaho Administrative Code I.D.A.P.A. 31.41.01.500, as well as, all applicable federal consumer protection rules.

Consumer Protection

The companies comply with consumer protection obligations by meeting requirements in Administrative Code I.D.A.P.A. 31.41.01, applicable consumer protection regulation in the state of Montana, as well as, all federal consumer protection rules. The companies' general practice is to treat all information as if it were private, in addition CPNI and Red Flag policies and procedures are observed and trained on annually. CALEA obligations and processes are strictly adhered to. Noticing is undertaken annually in relation to do not call and call before you dig. Noticing of rate changes is provided to educate customers about changes appearing on their bills regardless of the jurisdiction or regulated nature of the service.

Functionality in Emergency Situations

Program Year 2017 - 2016 Submission of 2015

JB Ray

Field Services Manager

Blackfoot Telecommunications Group

This document provides a high level description of the measures in place to provide functionality in Emergency situations in the 482235, 483308 and 472222 study areas.

Central Offices in all 3 study areas are equipped with backup generators in the event of commercial AC power failures. Fuel supplies for these generators are adequate for 24-36 hours of operation and back up batteries located in each central office provide an additional 6-8 hours of backup power.

All remote subscriber carrier locations are equipped with backup batteries that are capable of providing 8-12 hours of DC power in the event of a commercial AC power failure. We also maintain a pool of portable generators that are used to recharge these batteries if the AC power is not restored prior to the batteries being fully discharged.

Where practical, fiber optic cable routes that provide connectivity to a remote central office back to the host central office have diverse routes to insure uninterrupted operation in the event of a cable cut or failure. If diverse routes are not practical the remote central office is equipped with a "stand alone" function that insures uninterrupted operation within the remoter central office service area.

(700) Price Offerings including Voice Rate Data
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1/1/2016

<702> Single State-wide Residential Local Service Charge

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ID	Powell		FR	22.5	0.0	0.16	0.0	22.66
ID	Powell		FR	25.0	0.0	0.16	0.0	25.16
MT	Alta		FR	18.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	18.0
MT	Alta		FR	22.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	22.5
MT	Alta		FR	25.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	25.0
MT	Alberton South		FR	18.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	18.0
MT	Alberton South		FR	22.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	22.5
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MT	Arlee		FR	25.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	25.0
MT	Avon		FR	18.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	18.0
MT	Avon		FR	22.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	22.5
MT	Avon		FR	25.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	25.0
MT	Charlo		FR	18.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	18.0
MT	Charlo		FR	22.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	22.5
MT	Charlo		FR	25.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	25.0
MT	Clinton		FR	18.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	18.0
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MT	Dixon		FR	22.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	22.5
MT	Dixon		FR	25.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	25.0
MT	Ovando		FR	18.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	18.0
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MT	Ovando		FR	25.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	25.0
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MT	Potomac		FR	22.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	22.5
MT	Potomac		FR	25.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	25.0
MT	Seeley Lake		FR	18.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	18.0
MT	Seeley Lake		FR	22.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	22.5
MT	Seeley Lake		FR	25.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	25.0
MT	St Ignatius		FR	18.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	18.0
MT	St Ignatius		FR	22.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	22.5
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(710) Broadband Price Offerings
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	MT	All	63.0	0.0	63.0	2.0	1.0	999999.0	Other, Unlimited
	MT	All	68.0	0.0	68.0	4.0	2.0	999999.0	Other, Unlimited
	MT	All	70.0	0.0	70.0	6.0	2.0	999999.0	Other, Unlimited
	MT	All	72.0	0.0	72.0	8.0	2.0	999999.0	Other, Unlimited
	MT	All	75.0	0.0	75.0	10.0	2.0	999999.0	Other, Unlimited
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	MT	All	63.0	0.0	63.0	4.0	0.512	999999.0	Other, Unlimited
	MT	All	65.0	0.0	65.0	6.0	0.512	999999.0	Other, Unlimited
	MT	All	67.0	0.0	67.0	8.0	0.512	999999.0	Other, Unlimited
	MT	All	70.0	0.0	70.0	10.0	0.512	999999.0	Other, Unlimited
	MT	All	71.0	0.0	71.0	12.0	0.512	999999.0	Other, Unlimited
	MT	All	72.0	0.0	72.0	14.0	0.512	999999.0	Other, Unlimited

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Tribal Engagement

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Judy Geer

Account Executive

Blackfoot Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

Blackfoot Telephone Cooperative, Inc. ("BTC") provides a broad range of services to the Confederated Salish Kootenai Tribe ("CSKT") on the Flathead Indian Reservation in northwestern Montana. In fact, the CSKT is one of BTC's largest customers.

Over the past year, BTC worked with CSKT on a number of projects/initiatives and we look forward to continuing our partnership. The following is a timeline of events with summaries of our engagement activities:

In April 2015 Blackfoot delivered the CSKT's Capital Credit Checks for patronage distributed to the CSKT as a member of Blackfoot Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

During the months of May, June and July Blackfoot worked with CSKT to turn down circuits that they no longer needed, updating billing information and authorized contacts.

In August of 2015, Blackfoot met with key CSKT personnel. An onsite visit was held with the CSKT's Phone Network Manager to review their account and discuss additional service offerings. Additional voice services were requested as a result of that meeting to certain CSKT buildings.

In September of 2015, Blackfoot met with the CSKT's IT Network Administrator and IT Manager to review the account and discuss additional service offerings to include redundancy/failover, colocation facilities and disaster recovery.

In October, new services were installed but much of what had been discussed during the September meeting was on hold while CSKT filled a new IT Program Manager position. In December, we were notified that the position had been filled so a proposal was submitted in January of 2016.

Blackfoot is in compliance with all tribal rights of way processes, land use permitting, facilities siting rules, environmental review processes, cultural preservation review and business licensing requirements

Voice Services Rate Comparability

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Blackfoot Telecommunications Group

For the Program year 2017, the average urban rate for local service is \$21.93. Per FCC Public Notice DA 16-362 the reasonable comparability benchmark for voice services is \$41.07. As indicated in each study area's line 700 worksheet none of the Blackfoot rates are above the reasonable comparable rate of \$41.07.

Data Services Rate Comparability

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Michelle Owens

Carrier & Regulatory Specialist

Blackfoot Telecommunications Group

Blackfoot Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (482235, 483308 and Fremont Telcom Co. dba Fremont Communications (472222) have several different voice, broadband and voice/broadband bundles at different prices. To ensure compliance with the FCC's rate comparability benchmark for broadband services, Blackfoot offers a distinct set of broadband service offerings that are priced at rates that are equal to or less than the FCC's service rate comparability benchmark. These prices are revised annually as the FCC adjusts the prices, if necessary, to ensure they remain equal to or less than the rate comparability benchmark.

Lifeline Terms and Conditions

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Blackfoot Telecommunications Group

For the Program year 2017, Lifeline consumers have the same voice and data options available to them as non-lifeline consumers. Rates can be reviewed in sections 700 and 710 of the 481 filing. The applicable terms and conditions are the same for any consumer regardless of low income determination. Local voice services are unlimited as are data services. Consumers wishing to purchase long distance services have a selection of service options to ensure that the per minute pricing meets their needs. Eligible lifeline consumers have a lifeline discount added to their account after eligibility has been determined.

Broadband Reasonable Request

Program Year 2017 - 2016 Submission of 2015

Jason Williams

Chief Operating Officer

Blackfoot Telecommunications Group

Blackfoot certifies that it has taken reasonable steps to provide upon reasonable request broadband service at actual speeds of 4 Mbps downstream/1 Mbps upstream, with latency suitable for real-time applications, including Voice over Internet Protocol, and usage capacity that is reasonably comparable to offerings in urban areas, and that such requests for such service are met with in a reasonable amount of time.

Template for Reporting Community Anchor Institutions

Number	Name	Address
1	Clinton School District #32	20397 E Mullan Rd, Clinton, MT 59825
2	Missoula County Public Schools	456 Airport Rd, Seeley Lake, MT 59868
3	School District 11	29750 Potomac Rd, Potomac, MT 59823
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